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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

✓IN THE CLAIMS

✓Cancel all claims in the case without prejudice and substitute the following claims:

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27. External electrodes on piezoceramic multilayer actuators, composed of a layer of a basic metallization applied to the ceramic material of the surface of an actuator, to which metallization there is joined by means of a joining layer, a reinforcing layer to which a connecting wire is soldered, wherein the layer of basic metallization is structured by discontinuities or recesses.

28. External electrodes according to Claim 27, wherein the structure of the basic metallization is composed of a printed pattern of a suitable termination paste, which printed pattern has been produced by means of a printing method.

29. External electrodes according to Claim 27, wherein the structure of the basic metallization is formed by a mechanical, chemical or electrochemical removal in a layer of the basic metallization applied over the entire area.